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Dear Mr. Lauder:

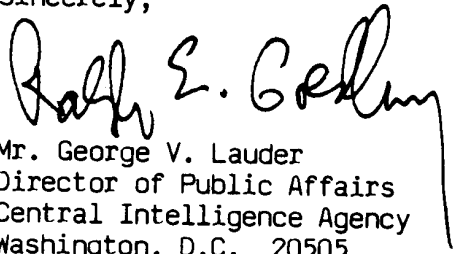
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In your February 11 letter, you fault me for stating to the FCC at its recent fairness doctrine hearings that the CIA sought to use the doctrine and related Commission policies to punish ABC for a news report it had broadcast. You deny that it was the CIA's purpose to "punish" ABC, saying that the agency sought only to have the Commission "take all measures necessary to insure fairness and to protect the public interest."

Among the "necessary" measures which the CIA's November 23 complaint repeatedly urged on the Commission (see pages 4, 5, 13, 16 and 17) was consideration of whether ABC's station licenses ought not be renewed. If that isn't seeking punishment, Mr. Lauder, I don't know what is.

Sincerely,



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